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August 2, 2017

Commissioner Shannon Whitfield 101 South Duke Street Lafayette, GA 30728

Dear Commissioner,

As per the conditions of the contract between Puckett Emergency Medical Services, Inc. and Walker County, GA, please allow this letter to serve as 30-day notice of our intention to increase ambulance rates due to the following reasons:

- > Increased Insurance Cost
- > Increased High Deductible Insurance Plans
- > Increased Cost of Ambulances, Supplies and Equipment
- > Increased Maintenance Cost
- > Increased Payroll and Personnel Cost

The current Advanced Life Support base rates of \$950.00 and \$15.00 per mile transport will be increased to \$1095.00 and \$15.00 per mile per transport. We at Puckett EMS strive ourselves on offering the best care at the best value for all the citizens we serve. We believe that this a reasonable rate increase and is still below other EMS providers in the North Georgia counties. The rate increase will become effective on September 4, 2017.

Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at 770-833-5974.

Very Respectfully,

Shane Garrison Vice President

Cc: Fire Chief Blake Hodge